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THE GREAT SENSATION

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Peggy Howell, a charming young lady, loves speed and jazz. She races her motor boat at a terrific clip, and when on land, she is the terror of everybody on the road, because of her daringly fast pace.

Inviting a party of friends to her home for tea, she enters her speedster alone and tells them that she will best them to her place. She is to go over a rough mountain road, while they are to stick to the smooth, safe road at the foot of the mountains.

On the way she almost runs into Jack Curtis, a wealthy young man who is trying out his fast roadster. To avoid a collision, Peggy turns off the road and goes over a cliff. Jack leaps from his car and dashes to her aid. Save for a grease-streaked face and a few scratches, the girl is uninjured.

When she is fully aware of her surroundings, she sees her rescuer in the garb of an automobile mechanic and treats him as though he is a mere chauffeur. Just for a lark, Jack acts the part and meekly obeys her order to take her home.

The girl's mother is frightened and forbids her to drive her car in the future. Jack speaks up and tells Mrs. Howell that he will gladly work as Peggy's chauffeur. Then he frames with his own mother to give him a reference, using another name, and he is hired.

At this time two clever crooks arrive in the neighborhood and rent an expensive lodge. The slickest of the two who calls himself "Captain" Winslow, has the other fellow pose as his valet. They also plant a female accomplice, as a maid, in the Howell home.

With the aid of fake credentials Winslow is accepted as a member of the local, exclusive yacht club. It is then only a matter of a short time before he becomes acquainted with the Howells. From his accomplice he learns about the location of

their safe. When he sees Mrs. Howell wearing her jewels at a reception, he decides to get them.

Soon he is often in Peggy's company. On one occasion he takes her aqua-planing. Peggy is having the time of her life at this sport, while Winslow steers the swift motor boat

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Jack happens to be on a cliff overlooking the bay at the time of the accident. He leaps from his high perch, fully clothed, and reaches the helpless girl in the nick of Winslow slows down but he is too cowardly to plunge in and attempt to aid her. Without waiting for any other assistance, Jack carries her to the automobile and speeds

away to his own home. Here she is cared for and when fully able to step out of bed, she walks around the room. On a dresser she sees a picture of Jack and immediately surmises the truth, but does not say a word to him about her discovery.

When she announces that she feels strong enough to go home, just for a lark she orders him to do a number of almost unecessary repairs, to annoy him. This work is performed in the broiling sun and poor Jack does it with his cap on, and his coat buttoned up to his neck, in order to appear with the dignity which she demands.

Later that day when Mrs. Howell is absent and Peggy is alone with Winslow, the latter breaks a wire attached to her radio. Peggy is peeved because they cannot continue with their dance. Winslow calls in his confederate who is supposed to be his valet, to fix the mechanism. The latter states that the

trouble is on the roof. The valet goes upstairs and rifles the safe which Mrs. Howell has neglected to close. While this is going on, Winslow then states that he has another appointment and takes his leave. Peggy insists that Jack drive them away. Jack is suspicious of the crooks, and to his

surprise, he sees, reflected in his mirror, the crooks handling the jewels. Mrs. Howell at this time remembers that she has neglected to close the safe and phones

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